

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention relates to a card shuffler ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~...

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~A card shuffling apparatus has become known from US PS 4,659,082 for example. An example of a shuffling device is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,659,082.~~ In this known shuffling apparatus the shuffling vessel is formed by a horizontally arranged drivable drum which is provided with radially extending shafts for receiving a card each. An input station for receiving a stack of discarded playing cards is provided through which the individual shafts of the drum are supplied. The storage container for the shuffled cards is supplied by the drum. Following the activation of a card ejector, the individual cards are pushed into the storage container at random.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~A similar card shuffler has become known from US PS U.S. Patent No. 4,586,712 in which the drum is arranged perpendicular vertical.~~

Please delete the fourth full paragraph on page 3 starting with the words "This is achieved" and ending with the words "features of claim 1."

Please delete the sixth full paragraph on page 3 starting with the words "The features of claim 2" and ending with the words "a screw."

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 4 starting with the words "The features of claims 3 and 4" and ending with the words "different card storage means for the shuffled cards."

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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~~The features of claim 5 lead to the advantage that~~ In one embodiment, the content of each compartment of the shufflers storage means is securely pushed into a nip line between two rollers during the output which convey the same into the card storage means for the shuffled cards.--

Please delete the fourth full paragraph on page 4 starting with the words "The features of claim 6" and ending with the words "oscillating movements."

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Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The features of claim 7 or 8 are provided in a particularly preferable way. These measures ensure that the~~ In one embodiment, the card shuffling storage means is a drum having radially arranged compartments. The cards are held in the individual compartments and cannot slip outwardly by centrifugal force and thus prevent any contact of the cards with a housing enclosing the drum. This leads to a very substantial protection of the cards.--

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Please replace the third full paragraph of page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The features of claim 9 allow in a very simple manner to check the cards situated in the game. In one embodiment, a card sensor is provided to detect the cards used in a game. It is not only possible to check their number, but also the card picture, as a result of which any change of card changes to the cards can be recognized.--

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Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--A receiving means is provided which comprises two alignment pins 100 which are inserted in the base plate 1 and on which a card storage means 42, 42' for shuffled cards can be inserted which is provided in the zone of its floor. The card storage means 42, 42' is provided with respective bores 102 in its base. In order to fix the respective card storage means 42, 42', a screw 101 is provided which engages in a threaded bore 103 of the card storage means 42, 42'...--

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Please add the following paragraph after the fifth full paragraph:

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--A receiving means for the card storage means 42, 42' can also use clip connectors to connect to the card storage means 42, 42', or a recess can be formed in the base plate 1 into which the card storage means 42, 42' can be inserted.--